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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
FRESNO DIVISION

## DORA SOLARES,

1:20-cv-00323-NONE-BAM

V.

Plaintiff.

RALPH DIAZ, et al.,

**DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT  
OF MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S  
FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Date: July 28, 2020  
Judge: The Honorable Barbara A.  
McAuliffe  
Trial Date: Not set  
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1       The Court should dismiss Plaintiff's claims because neither her pleadings nor her  
 2 arguments in opposition are adequate to sustain them. Each of Plaintiff's federal law claims  
 3 require her to plead that Defendants knew Osuna posed a serious risk of harm to Decedent and  
 4 that they disregarded that risk. Plaintiff falls short by generally alleging Osuna's dangerousness  
 5 as shown by the records of non-party CDCR. She does not plead that Defendants knew of such  
 6 dangerousness or reviewed those records, or that Osuna's alleged dangerousness created a  
 7 specific risk of harm to Decedent. Plaintiff falls further short by generally alleging that  
 8 Defendants failed to follow usual protocols for housing placement and safety checks. She does  
 9 not establish that the alleged failure to follow protocol constituted a disregard of a known risk.

10       In addition, Plaintiff abandons several of her claims by failing to defend them in her  
 11 opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss her First Amended Complaint (FAC). She abandons  
 12 all of her claims against Defendant Diaz, as well as her wrongful death claims, her conspiracy  
 13 claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 or § 1985, and her conspiracy claim under any statute against  
 14 Defendant Clark. The Court should dismiss these claims out of hand.

15       Because Plaintiff's FAC does not contain enough factual allegations, when taken as true, to  
 16 establish "plausible," as opposed to merely "possible" or "speculative," entitlement to relief,  
 17 Defendants request dismissal. *See Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007).

18 **I. PLAINTIFF FAILS TO STATE A CLAIM FOR CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT OR  
 19 FAILURE TO PROTECT.**

20       As stated in Defendants' opening brief, Plaintiff's first two causes of action are redundant  
 21 because they both allege Defendants failed to protect Decedent from attack by another inmate  
 22 under the Eighth Amendment. (Defs.' Mem. of P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 10.) Plaintiff's attempt  
 23 to differentiate them by citing two different Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions puts form over  
 24 substance. (Pl.'s Opp'n, ECF No. 18 at 8, 11.) Applicable legal authority sets forth a single  
 25 standard: Plaintiff may only establish a constitutional violation with a showing that (1) officials,  
 26 personally, exposed Decedent to an objectively substantial risk of serious harm; and (2) that  
 27 officials, personally, were deliberately indifferent to that risk. *See Hearns v. Terhune*, 413 F.3d  
 28 1036, 1040 (9th Cir. 2005); *Leer v. Murphy*, 844 F.2d 628, 633 (9th Cir. 1988).

1 Plaintiff defends her Eighth Amendment claims by block-quoting her allegations. (Pl.’s  
 2 Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 7–13.) She does not address Defendants’ legal authority and argument  
 3 establishing that her allegations are deficient.

4 Plaintiff repeats in her opposition that Defendants “were on notice that Jaime Osuna posed  
 5 a threat to other inmates and should not share a cell with anyone.” (Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 9;  
 6 FAC ¶ 15, ECF No. 15.) But, Plaintiff fails to address the seminal pleading principles articulated  
 7 in *Twombly* that require factual support to make these more than improper “formulaic recitations  
 8 of the elements” of a cause of action. (Defs.’ Mem. of P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 11; *Bell Atlantic  
 9 Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 557 (2007).) Plaintiff does not plead facts to showing that  
 10 Defendants Burns or Clark were aware of the documents or incidents cited. (FAC ¶¶ 15–16, ECF  
 11 No. 15.) Rather, she says that Osuna was dangerous and non-defendant “CDCR” was in  
 12 possession of documents showing the danger. (*Id.*).

13 Plaintiff repeats in her opposition that Defendant Burns made “the decision to bypass the  
 14 normal committee process” before housing Osuna and Decedent together, and that Defendants  
 15 Burns and Clark failed to “enforce the rules” of “routine safety checks.” (Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No.  
 16 18 at 10; FAC ¶¶ 15, 21, ECF No. 15.) But Plaintiff fails to establish that these assertions show  
 17 that Burns and Clark knew of, and disregarded, a substantial risk of serious harm to Decedent  
 18 rather than, more simply, that they did not follow the usual protocol. (Defs.’ Mem. of P. & A.,  
 19 ECF No. 17-1 at 11–12.) Plaintiff also fails to establish that these assertions show the required  
 20 element of causation or, in other words, that the result would have been different if protocol were  
 21 followed. (*Id.*) Further, as to Defendant Clark, Plaintiff fails to plead foundational facts that he  
 22 was personally involved the housing of and safety checks on Osuna and Decedent. *Leer*, 844  
 23 F.2d at 633 (requiring as an essential claim element the showing of a defendant’s personal  
 24 involvement or failure to perform legally required duties). Instead, she repeats her allegation that  
 25 Defendant Clark was “the warden of Corcoran” and therefore “responsible for ensuring that his  
 26 subordinates follow the proper procedure . . . .” (Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 10.)

27 In sum, as set forth in her FAC and repeated in her opposition brief, Plaintiff’s generalized  
 28 and conclusory allegations that Defendants “were on notice” that Osuna should not be double-

1 celled are insufficient to state a cognizable claim for “conditions of confinement” or failure to  
2 protect, and Plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment claims should be dismissed.

3 **II. PLAINTIFF FAILS TO STATE A CLAIM FOR SUPERVISORY LIABILITY.**

4 Plaintiff does not defend in her opposition her claim for supervisory liability against  
5 Defendant Diaz. (*Compare* Defs.’ Mem. of P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 13–15 *with* Pl.’s Opp’n,  
6 ECF No. 18 at 13–14.) Therefore, the Court should dismiss this claim.

7 The Court should also dismiss Plaintiff’s claims against Defendants Burns and Clark.  
8 Plaintiff does not establish that Burns and Clark’s failure to follow or enforce usual protocols for  
9 housing Osuna and Decedent together or conducting routine safety checks equates to (1) their  
10 knowledge of a substantial risk of serious harm to Decedent, and (2) their disregard of that risk.  
11 (*Compare* Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 13–14 *with supra* § I.) Plaintiff also fails to plead against  
12 Defendant Clark more than one incident as necessary to establish the requisite knowledge for  
13 supervisory liability. *Doe v. City of San Diego*, 35 F. Supp. 3d 1214, 1228–29 (S.D. Cal. 2014).  
14 And Plaintiff further fails to defend in her opposition a claim of supervisory liability based on a  
15 failure-to-train theory. (*Compare* Defs.’ Mem. of P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 14 *with* Pl.’s Opp’n,  
16 ECF No. 18 at 13–14.)

17 Plaintiff argues that the supervisory conduct alleged shows a constitutional violation based  
18 on the standard in *Watkins v. City of Oakland*, which includes a statement that a supervisor may  
19 be held liable where he “set in motion a series of acts by others, or knowingly refused to  
20 terminate a series of acts by others, which he knew or reasonably should have known, would  
21 cause others to inflict the constitutional injury.” 145 F.3d 1087, 1093 (9th Cir. 1998). (Pl.’s  
22 Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 8.) *Watkins*, however, was an excessive force case, decided before *Iqbal*,  
23 and therefore did not properly set forth the standard for supervisory liability to deliberate  
24 indifference after *Iqbal*. As the Ninth Circuit has more recently explained, in a deliberate  
25 indifference case, a supervisor can be “held liable for his or her own culpable action or inaction”  
26 only where that action or inaction was done “in a manner that was deliberately indifferent to an  
27 inmate’s Eighth Amendment rights.” *Starr v. Baca*, 652 F.3d 1202, 1207 (9th Cir. 2011). As set  
28 forth above, the facts pled do not show that either Burns or Clark knew of a substantial risk of

1 serious harm to Decedent, and accordingly the proper state of mind for deliberate indifference is  
 2 not shown whether Burns and Clark were acting in their individual or supervisory roles. *See*  
 3 *supra* § I.

4 Plaintiff's claim for supervisory liability should thus be dismissed because Plaintiff fails to  
 5 plead facts showing that Defendants' supervisory conduct violated any constitutional rights.

6 **III. PLAINTIFF FAILS TO STATE A CLAIM FOR LOSS OF FAMILIAL RELATIONS.**

7 Plaintiff's claim for loss of familial relations rises and falls with the viability of her other  
 8 causes of action. Plaintiff argues her other causes of action are viable, but they are not for the  
 9 reasons set forth in Defendants' opening brief and this reply brief. (*Compare* Defs.' Mem. of P.  
 10 & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 15 *with* Pl.'s Opp'n, ECF No. 18 at 14.)

11 Additionally, Plaintiff failed to defend her claims against Defendant Diaz in their entirety.  
 12 (Pl.'s Opp'n, ECF No. 18 *passim*.) Therefore, the loss-of-familial-relations claim against Diaz  
 13 should be dismissed, regardless of its viability against Defendants Burns and Clark.

14 **IV. PLAINTIFF FAILS TO STATE A CLAIM FOR CONSPIRACY.**

15 Plaintiff does not defend her conspiracy claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 or § 1985, or under  
 16 any statute against Defendant Clark. (*Compare* Defs.' Mem. of P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 16 *with*  
 17 Pl.'s Opp'n, ECF No. 18 at 14.) Therefore, these claims should be dismissed.

18 To defend her remaining conspiracy claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Defendant  
 19 Burns, Plaintiff repeats in her opposition the allegations of her FAC that Defendant Burns—  
 20 acting with others—failed to follow or enforce usual protocols for housing Osuna and Decedent  
 21 together or conducting routine safety checks. (Pl.'s Opp'n, ECF No. 18 at 14; FAC ¶¶ 18, 21, 55,  
 22 ECF No. 15.) Plaintiff fails to address how these allegations establish an underlying  
 23 constitutional violation on which Defendants conspired or, in other words, how the failure of  
 24 Burns—and others—to follow or enforce usual protocols for housing Osuna and Decedent  
 25 together or conducting routine safety checks equates to (1) their knowledge of a substantial risk of  
 26 serious harm to Decedent, and (2) their disregard of that risk. (Defs.' Opp'n, ECF No. 17-1 at 16;  
 27 *supra* § I.) Plaintiff also fails to plead specific facts establishing “an agreement or ‘meeting of the  
 28 minds’ to violate constitutional rights,” which is the essential element of a conspiracy claim.

1     *Franklin v. Fox*, 312 F.3d 423, 441 (9th Cir. 2002). Alleging that Burns and others “worked  
 2 together,” or restating the term “meeting of the minds,” does nothing more than formulaically  
 3 recite the elements of a cause of action and fails to state a claim. (Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 14;  
 4 FAC ¶¶ 18, 21, 55, ECF No. 15.) *See Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 622, 678 (2009). Plaintiff’s  
 5 claims for conspiracy should therefore be dismissed.

6     **V. DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO QUALIFIED IMMUNITY ON PLAINTIFF’S FEDERAL  
 7 CAUSES OF ACTION.**

8     Plaintiff does not address the application of qualified immunity vis-a-vis Defendant Diaz.  
 9 (Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 17.) The cases she cites do not “clearly establish” the liability of the  
 10 Secretary of CDCR, who neither knew that Decedent would be housed with Osuna nor knew of  
 11 any danger to Decedent. (*Id.*) The claim against Defendant Diaz should be dismissed.

12     As to Defendants Burns and Clark, none of the five cases Plaintiff cites “clearly establish”  
 13 the liability. *Clem v. Lomeli*—where an inmate reported his drunk cellmate’s threats of violence  
 14 to an officer and the officer told him to “deal with it”—is factually dissimilar from the case at  
 15 hand, where Plaintiff has not alleged facts establishing Defendants direct knowledge of the threat  
 16 Osuna posed to Decedent. *Compare* 566 F.3d 1177, 1180 (9th Cir. 2009) *with* FAC ¶¶ 15–16,  
 17 ECF No. 15 (rather, Plaintiff says that Osuna was dangerous and non-defendant “CDCR” was in  
 18 possession of documents showing the danger). To this point, the Ninth Circuit has instructed that  
 19 “broad general propositions” of the deliberate-indifference standard do not sufficiently “flesh out”  
 20 liability; rather, “whether the law was clearly established must be taken in light of the specific  
 21 context of the case . . . .” *Estate of Ford v. Ramirez-Palmer*, 301 F.3d 1043 (9th Cir. 2002).  
 22 Further, *Clem* reviewed the propriety of a jury instruction and not once mentioned qualified  
 23 immunity. *Id.* at 1181–83.

24     *Lemire v. CDCR*, like *Clem*, does not once mention qualified immunity and is  
 25 distinguishable on its facts. 726 F.3d 1062 (9th Cir. 2013). In *Lemire*, as relevant here,  
 26 supervisory prison officials called a meeting that withdrew all staff from the floor of a unit that  
 27 housed primarily mentally ill inmates. *Id.* at 1068–69. During this three-and-a-half-hour  
 28 absence, the inmate-decedent committed suicide. *Id.* The *Lemire* court found a triable issue of

1 fact on the deliberate indifference of the prison warden, whose approval was necessary for all  
 2 staff meetings, and the prison captain who called the staff meeting. *Id.* at 1070, 1075, 1077–80.  
 3 Here, Plaintiff alleges no such comparable facts concerning Defendants Burns and Clark’s direct  
 4 knowledge of the risk Osuna posed to Decedent, nor their direct involvement with the disregard  
 5 of such risk. Rather, Plaintiff says that Osuna was dangerous and non-defendant “CDCR” was in  
 6 possession of documents showing the danger—not that Burns and Clark were told, reviewed, or  
 7 otherwise knew of the specific dangerousness. (FAC ¶¶ 15–16, ECF No. 15.) Plaintiff says  
 8 Burns made “the decision to bypass the normal committee process” before housing Osuna and  
 9 Decedent together and that Burns and Clark failed to “enforce the rules” of “routine safety  
 10 checks.” (*Id.* at ¶¶ 15, 21.) But, *Lemire* did not find a triable issue on the disregard of usual  
 11 housing protocols alone—only a disregard of a known risk. *Lemire*, 726 F.3d at 1077–80.

12 *Wilk v. Nevin* was decided well after the events giving rise to this suit and is therefore  
 13 inapposite to the qualified-immunity analysis in this case. 956 F.3d 1143, 1149 (9th Cir. 2020).  
 14 Moreover, in *Wilk*, the inmate-plaintiff alleged facts establishing that he told prison officials of  
 15 the threat another inmate posed to him at a classification meeting and prison officials did not take  
 16 reasonable measures to protect him in response. *Id.* Plaintiff makes no such allegations of direct  
 17 knowledge here. (FAC ¶¶ 15–16, ECF No. 15.)

18 *Cotta v. City of Kings* rejected the application of qualified immunity at the pleading stage—  
 19 deferring it to summary judgment—because the facts pled by the inmate-plaintiff established, in  
 20 essence, the prison official’s knowledge of the specific risk the inmate-attacker posed. No. 1:13-  
 21 cv-00359-LJO-SMS, 2013 WL 3213075, at \*9–\*11 (E.D. Cal. June 24, 2013). There, the inmate-  
 22 plaintiff pled the housing officer not only knew or had to have known of the inmate-attacker’s  
 23 history of violence (which Plaintiff has pled here), but also that the inmate-plaintiff had given  
 24 inculpatory information against the inmate-attacker (which Plaintiff has not pled here). *Compare*  
 25 *id.* at \*9 with FAC ¶¶ 15–16, ECF No. 15. Additionally, the *Cotta* court did not disclaim the  
 26 application of qualified immunity, only put the question off pending discovery. *Id.* at \*11.  
 27 Deferment is rarely appropriate because it undercuts the purpose of the doctrine. *Cf. Pearson v.*  
 28 *Callahan*, 555 U.S. 223, 237 (2009) (Because “[q]ualified immunity is an immunity from suit

1 rather than a mere defense to liability,” applications “disserve the purpose of the qualified  
 2 immunity when [they] force[] the parties to endure additional burdens of suit—such as the cost of  
 3 litigating constitutional questions and delays attributable to resolving them—when the suit  
 4 otherwise could be disposed of more readily.” [citations and internal quotations omitted]).

5 Finally, Plaintiff’s cites *Castro v. City of Los Angeles* also falls short. 833 F.3d 1060, 1076  
 6 (9th Cir. 2016). *Castro* affirmed a jury verdict against jail officials for ignoring the distress calls  
 7 of a drunk they housed with a man arrested for shattering the glass door at a nightclub who was  
 8 acting “bizarre” and “combative” at the time of his arrest and intake. *Id.* at 1064–65. But here  
 9 Plaintiff does not allege that Defendants ignored any distress calls, or knew of, and disregarded, a  
 10 substantial risk of serious harm. (*See supra* § I.) As stated in *Castro*, faulty housing practices  
 11 standing along are insufficient to show a constitutional violation. *Castro*, 833 F.3d at 1076.  
 12 Liability may be found only when such practices are coupled with evidence of deliberate  
 13 indifference. *Id.* In *Castro*, such evidence was found in the County’s adoption of code provisions  
 14 requiring sobering-cell monitoring equipment the County long knew had never been installed.  
 15 *Id.* at 1073–78. Here, such evidence is not found where Plaintiff only alleges a one-off deviation  
 16 from housing protocol. (FAC ¶ 21, ECF No. 15.)

17 Accordingly, Defendants have shown that none of the cases Plaintiff has cited clearly  
 18 establish that a prison employee violates an inmate’s constitutional rights when he does not conduct  
 19 regular nighttime cell checks, despite being unaware of any danger. Indeed, no case clearly  
 20 establishes such a right, as the cases cited in Defendants’ opening brief show. Defendants  
 21 therefore request the Court apply qualified immunity.

22 **VI. PLAINTIFF FAILS TO STATE CLAIM FOR NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION.**

23 Defendants argued in their opening brief that Plaintiff failed to plead sufficient facts  
 24 showing negligent supervision by Defendants Diaz and Clark. (Defs.’ Mem. of P. & A., ECF No.  
 25 17-1 at 21–22.) Plaintiff does not defend the sufficiency of her factual allegations against  
 26 Defendant Diaz, and accordingly the claim against him should be dismissed. (*See* Pl.’s Opp’n,  
 27 ECF No. 18 at 17.)

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1 Plaintiff's attempt to defend the sufficiency of her factual allegations against Defendant  
2 Clark fails short. She asserts that Clark approved the decision to house Decedent with Osuna and  
3 failed to ensure usual protocols were followed. (Pl.'s Opp'n, ECF No. 18 at 17; FAC ¶ 19, ECF  
4 No. 15.) But, Plaintiff fails to plead that Clark knew that others were not following usual  
5 protocols when making the housing decision Plaintiff says he ultimately approved. (*Id.*; *see also*  
6 CACI No. 411 [legal recognition of the reliance on the good conduct of others].) Plaintiff also  
7 fails to establish that the result would have been different if protocol were followed. (Pl.'s Opp'n,  
8 ECF No. 18 at 17; FAC ¶ 19, ECF No. 15; *see also supra* § I.) Without these essential elements  
9 of breach and causation, Plaintiff fails to plead a sufficient cause of action of negligent  
10 supervision against Defendant Clark.

11 Defendants also argued that Plaintiff fails to plead recoverable damages for his negligent  
12 supervision claim because the wrongful death action occupies the field for an action brought by  
13 the heirs. (Defs.' Mem. of P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 22-23.) In response, Plaintiff argues that she  
14 is also proceeding as Decedent's successor-in-interest, "and has sought damages related to pre-  
15 death pain and suffering under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 377.341." (Pl.'s  
16 Opp'n, ECF No. 18 at 17.) There is no Code of Civil Procedure section 377.341, and Defendants  
17 assume Plaintiffs meant to type section 377.34. But that section specifically precludes recovery  
18 for pre-death pain and suffering, stating that the recoverable damages "do not include damages  
19 for pain, suffering, or disfigurement." Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.34. Plaintiffs have not pled  
20 any recoverable damages for their negligent supervision claim, and it should be dismissed for that  
21 reason as well.

22 Defendants' opening brief also asserted that Defendants Diaz and Clark are immune from  
23 Plaintiff's negligent supervision claim under Government Code section 820.8. (Defs.' Mem. of  
24 P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 20-21.) That section precludes liability of state officials for the actions  
25 of others, "except as otherwise provided by statute." Cal. Gov. Code § 820.8. Plaintiff argues  
26 that section 820.8 does not apply because she has alleged a violation of California Civil Code  
27 section 1714, the general tort statute, and therefore there is no immunity. But the California  
28 Supreme Court rejected that argument in *Eastburn v. Regional Fire Protection Authority*, and

1 found that this type of exception is triggered only by “a specific statute . . . and not [by] the  
 2 general tort provisions of Civil Code section 1714.” 31 Cal.4th 1175, 1183 (2003). “Otherwise,  
 3 the general rule of immunity for public entities would be largely eroded by the routine application  
 4 of general tort principles.” *Id.* Defendants Diaz and Clark are immune from Plaintiff’s negligent  
 5 supervision claims under section 820.8, and Plaintiff’s arguments otherwise fail.

6 **VII. PLAINTIFF FAILS TO STATE A CLAIM FOR WRONGFUL DEATH.**

7 Plaintiff does not defend her wrongful death claim. (Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No. 18.)  
 8 Defendants’ opening brief argued the claim should be dismissed as to Diaz and Clark because  
 9 Plaintiff fails to properly state a claim against them and because they are immune, and that the  
 10 claim should be dismissed as to Burns because the court should decline to exercise supplemental  
 11 jurisdiction. (Defs.’ Mem. of P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 23–24.) Because Plaintiffs fail to argue  
 12 against dismissal, the claim should be dismissed.

13 **VIII. PLAINTIFF FAILS TO JOIN DECEDENT’S FATHER, A NECESSARY PARTY.**

14 Decedent’s father is entitled to maintain a wrongful death cause of action. (Defs.’ Mem. of  
 15 P. & A., ECF No. 17-1 at 25.) Plaintiff speculates that he has suffered no loss by the death of his  
 16 son, but those facts are not pled, and she provides no legal authority authorizing the Court to  
 17 make these evidentiary findings her on her word alone. (Pl.’s Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 18–19.)

18 Plaintiff argues that the statute of limitations forecloses Decedent’s father’s claim. (*Id.* at  
 19 19.) But, she has not established that Decedent’s father has been informed of his son’s death or  
 20 its allegedly wrongful cause, as necessary to negate delayed accrual. *See Frederick v. Calbio*  
 21 *Pharmaceuticals*, 89 Cal.App.3d 49, 58 (1979) (“if plaintiffs have adequately alleged facts  
 22 excusing their delayed discovery of the negligent cause of their decedent’s death, their claim is  
 23 not barred” by the statute of limitations period commencing with his death).

24 Plaintiff argues it is not feasible to join Decedent’s father because the Court has no personal  
 25 jurisdiction over Guatemalan residents. (Pl.’ Opp’n, ECF No. 18 at 19–20.) Lack of personal  
 26 jurisdiction is a defense raised under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2), and may be  
 27 waived. Plaintiff has not pled facts establishing that Decedent’s father would not consent to this  
 28 Court’s jurisdiction in order to facilitate his recovery.

1 Finally, Plaintiff argues she can proceed without Decedent's father. While that may  
2 ultimately be true, it is not yet true on the facts pled. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 19 protects  
3 Decedent's father's interests, Defendants from substantial risk of incurring double obligations,  
4 and the public interest in orderly and expeditious administration of justice. Rutter Group Prac.  
5 Guide Fed. Civ. Pro. Before Trial Ch. 7:56. Plaintiff has not established these interests are  
6 adequately addressed such that factors of Rule 19(b) can be analyzed. In other words, as  
7 applicable here, Plaintiff has not shown that Decedent's father is not amenable by force or choice  
8 to this Court's jurisdiction, and has made an informed decision to forego his right to recovery.  
9 Until she does so, the protections of Rule 19 cannot be disregarded, and she cannot seek sole  
10 recovery.

## 11 CONCLUSION

12 Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, like her Original Complaint, fails to state a claim  
13 against Defendants, and she has not articulated how she might correct these factual deficiencies.  
14 Moreover, no amendment of Plaintiffs' allegations would displace Defendants' qualified  
15 immunity defense as to the federal-law claims, nor would it displace their immunity to and  
16 Plaintiff's abandonment of the state-law claims. For these reasons, Defendants' motion to  
17 dismiss must be granted.

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